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SUBJECT: VISIT OF REGIONAL MINERALS ATTACHE TO SHABA

REF: (A) LUBUMBASHI 903, (B) STATE 187636, (C) KINSHASA
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1. REGIONAL RESOURCES OFFICER SWEETWOOD WELCOMES
PROPOSED VISIT TO LUBUMBASHI AND INSPECTION TOUR OF
GECAMINES' KOLWEZI MINING AND PROCESSING FACILITIES
(REFS. A & B) AND, IF VISIT APPROVED, WILL MAKE EVERY
EFFORT TO BE OF ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE TO AMCONSUL
LUBUMBASHI, AMEMBASSY KINSHASA AND STATE IN EVALUATION
OF CURRENT OPERATIONS AND OUTLOOK. WE WILL, OF COURSE,
AWAIT FURTHER WORD ON CLEARANCES BEFORE ATTEMPTING FIRM
TRAVEL PLANS, BUT PRELIMINARY BRIEFING AND GUIDANCE
WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN THE INTERIM.

2. PLEASE AIRPOUCH TO RRO CHARLES W. SWEETWOOD,
AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG, INFO COPIES OF RELEVANT CABLES/
AIRGRAMS/REPORTS ON KOLWEZI MINES SITUATION (E.G.
LUBUMBASHI; 818, 819, 842, 894 AND/OR OTHERS)
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FOR BACKGROUND BRIEFING. WE HAVE OLDER REPORTS
(GEOLOGY, MINING METHODS AND OPERATIONS) IN AMCONSUL
JOHANNESBURG LIBRARY, BUT RECENT DATA AND POLITICAL/
ECONOMIC VIEWS WOULD BE INVALUABLE PRIOR TO ACTUAL
VISIT.

3. REF. A'S REQUEST THAT VISIT BE MADE AFTER AUGUST

13 IS EXCELLENT, EITHER OF THE LAST TWO FULL WEEKS IN
AUGUST WOULD BE SUITABLE TO RRO, THOUGH THE WEEK
BEGINNING 21 WOULD BE PREFERRED IF AMCONSUL AND
AMEMBASSY PRECEIVE NO OBJECTION. MEANWHILE, PLEASE
ADVISE (FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES) ESTIMATED OVERALL
PERIOD OF STAY IN CONSULAR DISTRICT (CONSULTATIONS,
FIELD TRIPS, IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL, ETC.), AND IF CALL
AT AMEBASSY KINSHASA (SAY) AT END OF FIELD
INVESTIGATIONS WOULD BE RECOMMENDED.
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